

# **Mr. and Mrs. Theodore L. Sewall S1759**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Indiana State Library
<b>Title</b>	Mr. and Mrs. Theodore L. Sewall papers
<b>Date</b>	1893/02/28
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore L. Sewall papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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May Eliza Wright was born on May 27, 1844 in Greenfield, Wisconsin, the daughter of Philander W. and Mary W. Wright. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1866, and a master's degree in 1868, from North Western Female College. She married Edwin W. Thompson in 1872 and moved with him to Indianapolis, Indiana where he died in 1875. She became interested in women's suffrage, attending a national conference in 1878. She married Theodore Lovett Sewall in 1880 and became involved in the Boys' Classical School he founded and then in the Girls' Classical School which they jointly founded. She was elected president of the National Congress of Women in 1891 and the International Congress of Women in 1899. She was a member of Henry Ford's Peace Expedition in 1915, and she was a proponent for peace for many years. She sold the Girls' Classical School in 1907, having headed it after her husband's death in 1895. She made a living as a lecturer and author. She died July 23, 1920 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"Sewall, May Wright". Encyclopaedia Britannica. Retrieved 2013/11/07. <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/536887/May-Eliza-Wright-Sewall>

Sewall, May Wright. Indiana Historical Society. Retrieved 2013/11/07 <http://www.indianahistory.org/our-collections/collection-guides/may-wright-sewall-avowed-feminist-by-hester-anne.pdf>

"Sewall, May Wright". Pictorial and biographical memoirs of Indianapolis and Marion County, (p. 322-325). (1893), Goodspeed Brothers, Chicago, IL.

"Sewall, May Wright". U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989. Retrieved 2013/11/07. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

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## Biographical Note

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Theodore Lovett Sewall was born in Germantown, Ohio in 1853 to Louise K. Lovett and Edmund Quincy Sewall, Jr. He attended Harvard and graduated in 1874. He then received the degree of LL.B. in 1876. He moved to Indianapolis, Indiana and opened the Indianapolis Classical School, a preparatory school for boys. He married May Wright Thompson, a widow, in 1880. They opened a Girls' Classical School in 1882 to prepare girls for entrance into Harvard. In 1889 he transferred the boys' school to other hands, and they concentrated on the girls' school. He received an A.M. degree from Indiana University in 1887, and was the secretary and president of the Indianapolis Literary Circle for ten years. He died in 1895.

"Sewall, Theodore Lovett". Pictorial and biographical memoirs of Indianapolis and Marion County, (p. 321-322). (1893), Goodspeed Brothers, Chicago, IL.

"Sewall, May Wright". Encyclopaedia Britannica. Retrieved 2013/11/07. <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/536887/May-Eliza-Wright-Sewall>

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes a calling card from Mr. and Mrs. Theodore L. Sewall in Indianapolis, Indiana on 1893/02/28 regarding a visit, included is Greek writing on the envelope.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Indiana State Library

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

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### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

## **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

## **Processing Information**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Sewall, May Wright
- Sewall, Theodore

### **Subject(s)**

- Preparatory school students
- Rare Books and Manuscripts